



IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following new title:

--VACUUM CLEANER WITH THERMAL CUTOFF--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 30 to read as follows:

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1      *Sole* 3<sup>rd</sup>. (amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising:  
2            a lower base unit;  
3            an upper enclosure for housing a filter bag, the upper enclosure being pivotable  
4            with respect to the lower base unit;  
5            a motor disposed within the lower base unit;  
6            a power cord having a first end affixed to at least one of said upper portion and  
7            said base unit, and a second end adapted for connecting to an electrical power source;  
8            electrical conductors extending between said first end of said power cord and said  
9            motor, said electrical conductors defining an electrical power circuit to said motor; and  
10          a thermal cutoff assembly including a temperature sensor disposed proximate to  
11          said motor for measuring the temperature of said motor, said thermal cutoff assembly  
12          further including a switching element in electrical association with said electrical  
13          conductors, wherein upon the temperature sensor sensing a temperature greater than a  
14          predetermined temperature setpoint, said switching element opens said electrical power  
15          circuit;  
16          wherein once said switching element has opened said electrical power circuit, said  
17          switching element closes said electrical power circuit only upon the temperature sensor

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